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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 34 of the Second Extraordinary Session  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Speaker Pro Tempore  
Lois DeBerry on being inducted into the 1999-  
2000 Memphis City Schools Alumni Hall of  
Fame.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly is proud to recognize those legislators who through their laudable efforts in public service have distinguished themselves as state leaders, and in the process have earned the universal respect and admiration of their peers; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Speaker Pro Tempore Lois DeBerry, who on November 16, 1999, will be appropriately honored for her countless contributions to good government and sound public policy by being inducted into the 1999-2000 Memphis City Schools Alumni Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Representative DeBerry will be recognized, along with four other inductees, Isaac Hayes, Benjamin Hooks, Abe Plough and Cybill Shepherd, in a public presentation at the Frances E. Coe Administration Building in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, for over 150 years the Memphis City Schools System has built a strong legacy of outstanding alumni who have achieved success in the business world, sciences, arts and entertainment, government, community affairs, athletics and other endeavors; and

WHEREAS, the Alumni Hall of Fame was created in 1998 during the school system's 150th anniversary to recognize former Memphis City Schools students who have made great contributions to the city of Memphis, the nation and the world; and

WHEREAS, Speaker Pro Tempore DeBerry was selected for the prestigious award by virtue of her professional accomplishments and contributions to her beloved Memphis, and for serving as a role model for current and future generations of Memphis City Schools students to emulate; and

WHEREAS, no Tennessean could possibly be more deserving of this special honor than Lois DeBerry, a voice of integrity and reason in Tennessee politics and many other arenas of public life for many years; and

WHEREAS, she has extended her acumen and sagacious counsel beyond the realm of politics to render astute public service in many different areas of government, especially in education; and

WHEREAS, Speaker DeBerry's greatest strength, among many, is her ability to motivate others to step forward and assume leadership roles; she is always extremely supportive of new ideas and the new leadership that is necessary to bring such concepts to fruition; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to join in this joyous celebration by congratulating this inimitable public servant for her dedication to the good people of Memphis and the state of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby salute Speaker Pro Tempore Lois DeBerry on being inducted into the prestigious Memphis City Schools Alumni Hall of Fame and extend to her our heartfelt thanks for her distinguished service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.